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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a residential customer in California. I have a housemate who is disabled. For years, I have subscribed to a local wire-line DSL provider for her internet service. This service is ONE HALF the price of broadband service offered by the local, sole provider of cable TV/Internet/Phone service. Using my DSL provider saves me over \$600 per year. As a retired worker, I find this savings to be substantial.

The USTelecom Forbearance Petition, if approved, will drive up my DSL provider's costs and therefore drive up my monthly DSL costs. Worse, it could drive my DSL provider out of business. This is an unwarranted and unnecessary burden on my financial situation, and certainly an unwarranted curtailment of services that are alternative to cable and satellite internet service providers.

Competition is an absolute necessity in keeping consumer costs down. It is also necessary to create opportunities for advancement in the field of broadband communications. This is no different than any other field of endeavor, whether it be "high tech," or airline travel, or commercialization of access to space.

The relief requested by USTelecom only serves to help USTelecom achieve greater profits. It does nothing for consumers or the industry. With all due respect, the FCC should be an enabler of telecom business through competition and not an agency that promotes favored treatment for select businesses.

Respectfully,

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